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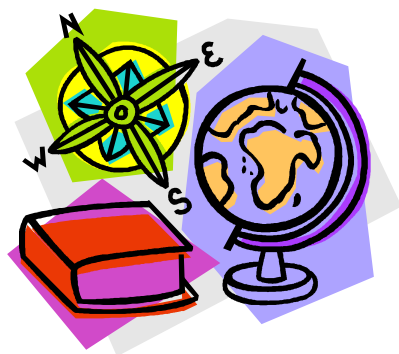
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Nick Halbach is State Finalist

Nicholas Halbach, an eighth grade student at New Holstein Middle School, has been notified by the National Geographic Society that he is one of the semi-finalists eligible to compete in the 2011 Wisconsin Geographic Bee, sponsored by Google and Plum Creek. Nick is the son of Charlene and Patrick Halbach of New Holstein.



Nick was the winner of the middle school bee which was held on Thursday, January 6, 2011. He then took a qualifying test which was submitted to the National Geographic Society for scoring. In each of the fifty states, as well as the District of Columbia, the Department of Defense Dependents Schools, and the U.S. territories, the National Geographic Society invited the top 100 scores to compete at the state level.

The 2011 Wisconsin Geographic Bee will be held at the National Headquarters of American Family Insurance in Madison on Friday, April 1, 2011. The state winner will receive \$100, the "Complete National Geographic on DVD", and a trip to Washington D.C., where he/she will represent Wisconsin in the national finals at the National Geographic Society headquarters, May 24-25, 2011. The first-place national winner will receive a \$25,000 scholarship and lifetime membership to the Society. The national winner will also travel (along with one parent or guardian), all expenses paid, to the Galapagos Islands. We congratulate Nick for advancing to state and wish him luck in the state competition.

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~submitted by Mr. Rick Amundson

Tenth Grade Conferences Planned

Tenth Grade Student/Parent Educational and Career (SPEC) Planning Conferences are now being scheduled for April and May at New Holstein High School. These conferences are unlike traditional parent/teacher conferences. The focus is on each student's personal/social growth and educational/career development. Emphasis is placed on a review of the overall transcript, future course selections, post high school plans, and a timeline of activities that may help each sophomore progress toward his/her post high school goals.

Individual Planning Conferences are specifically designed conferences for parents to gain insight into their child's development and for students to gain insight into the direction they are headed in the future. Our task is to determine how we can help them create and achieve broadly based goals for their future.

Parents are a key member of the conference team. Conferencing gives parents and students the opportunity to discuss talents, interests, academic performance and future goals in a positive atmosphere and to continue developing a four-year high school plan. A conference letter and schedule has been mailed to all 10th grade parents/guardians.

~submitted by Mrs. Nancy Stephanie

Seventh Grade Homework Club

Beginning March 1, 2011, all seventh grade students have the opportunity to attend **Homework Club**. The **Homework Club** operates every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday after school. It begins at 3:15 p.m. and closes when students are finished. This activity provides students individualized help with current assignments and provides students an opportunity to complete any missing or late work. Snacks are provided by the staff, and students are encouraged to take advantage of this after-school option. Information was recently distributed to parents by mail and student-led conferences.

~submitted by Mrs. Aileen Koenigs

Another Good Year for NHHS Forensics Team!

Congratulations, goes out to New Holstein High School's Forensics team who made some waves during competition season this year. At the Conference Meet, New Holstein captured second place in both team total points and total team average. Those earning perfect scores include: Raven Stevenson, Dawn Van Dyke, Connor Ruechel, and Carolyn Barth in playacting; and Alyssa Holterman in prose reading.

These encouraging results set the stage for the team to capture both awards, Team Total and Team Average, at the Sub-district Meet held at Manitowoc Lincoln. Those earning perfect scores include: Raven Stevenson, Dawn Van Dyke, Connor Ruechel, and Carolyn Barth in playacting; Jacob Berchem, Aubrey Voelker, and Rose Brenner in playacting; Nicole Schneider in poetry reading; and Alyssa Holterman in prose reading.

On March 14, the team headed to Plymouth High School to complete at the district level. Those earning perfect scores include: Kelly Wagner, Amber Muellenbach, and Cassie Schmitz in group interpretation; Jacob Berchem, Aubrey Voelker, and Rose Brenner in playacting; Joel Feider in radio speaking, and Katherine Allee with two perfect scores in solo acting.

Participants who earned 2 or more scores of 20 out of a possible 25 have earned a berth at state competition. Those advancing to state include: Tanya Meyers in farrago; Nikki Wolf in four-minute speech; Kelly Wagner, Amber Muellenbach, and Cassie Schmitz in group interpretation; Jacob Berchem, Aubrey Voelker, and Rose Brenner in playacting; Raven Stevenson, Dawn Van Dyke, Connor Ruechel, and Carolyn Barth in playacting; Amanda Sabel, Morgan Karrels, and Sadie Sokoloff in playacting; Nicole Schneider and Stephanie Jordan in poetry reading; Alyssa Holterman, Emily Heus, Josh Kluever, and Gabby Mueller in prose reading; Joel Feider and Zach Halbach in radio speaking, and Katherine Allee in solo acting.

NHHS students will compete at state competition in Madison on Saturday, April 16. Then on Wednesday night, April 27, the team will host an Open House to receive their awards and showcase their talents. The evening will begin at 6:30 in the high school library. All are welcome.

~submitted by Mrs. Donna Heus

National Honor Society Banquet

National Honor Society will host a banquet and induction ceremony on Monday, April 18. While the banquet is for students and their families, the induction ceremony is for the entire community. It will begin at approximately 7:15 p.m. in the high school auditorium. The community is invited to support students with the highest levels of academic achievement, service, character and leadership! If you have questions, please contact Ms. Amy Letcher for details. 898-4256.

~submitted by Ms. Amy Letcher

NH STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN DISTRICT MUSIC FESTIVALS

On Saturday, March 5, three students from New Holstein Middle School participated in the middle level solo and ensemble festival at Riverview Middle School in Plymouth. Madeline Hebel and Andrea Koene, both 7th grade students, performed class C vocal solos and each received a rating of 2 or very good.

Emily Koberg, an 8th grade student, performed a class B vocal solo and a class B French horn solo for which she received a rating of 1 or excellent on both pieces.

Band and choir students from the high school participated in the district solo and ensemble festival held at Two Rivers HS on Saturday, March 12. Results of the judging are as follows:

Receiving a rating of 2 or very good in class B – Naomi Schneider, piano solo and Aaron Schneider, oboe solo. Receiving a rating of 2 or very good in class A were the vocal solos of Crystal Reese, Amber Hewitt (Musical Theatre), Hailey Heimerl, Amanda Sabel, Forrest Schulz, Connor Ruechel, and Morgan Karrels; Nicole Schneider, bari sax solo and Jordan Melvin, flute solo.

Receiving a rating of 1 or excellent in class A were the vocal duets of Dawn Van Dyke & Naomi Stevenson, Connor Ruechel & Austin Anderson, Crystal Reese & Hattie Winkel, Dawn Gleason & Amber Hewitt; the vocal solos of Jacob Berchem, Amber Muellenbach, Kennedy Steiner, Ashlee Jordan, Morgan Sinner, Dawn Gleason and Amber Hewitt; the flute duet of Jessica Haensgen & Hailey Neas.

The following students received a starred first in class A allowing them to advance to the state music festival at UW-Oshkosh on Saturday, April 30: the vocal duet of Jacob Berchem & Katherine Allee, the vocal solos of Katherine Allee, Hattie Winkel, Hannah Winkel, Naomi Stevenson, Austin Anderson and Levi Halverson and the Musical Theatre solos of Katherine Allee, Jacob Berchem, Naomi Stevenson and Connor Ruechel.

~submitted by Mrs. Linda Hau

ACT Test Given at NHHS on June 11

The ACT test will be administered at New Holstein High School on June 11, 2011. The ACT Assessment is a national test which is used as one of the criteria for college admissions. The University of Wisconsin system requires all new freshman applicants to submit the results of either the ACT or the SAT I. The ACT is the preferred test, but students will not be advantaged in the admissions process by taking one test rather than the other.

Students who take the ACT can use the results not only for college admission purposes, but for identifying their academic strengths and weaknesses as well. ACT results are accepted by virtually every post-secondary institution in the United States.

Students who wish to take the ACT test on June 11th must register on line - www.actstudent.org - by May 6, 2011, to avoid a late fee.

~submitted by Mrs. Nancy Stephanie

NHHS SPORTS BOOSTER LOOKING FOR NEW OFFICERS

Current officer terms for the New Holstein Sports Booster Club will be finished at the end of this school year. Anyone interested in becoming an officer (President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer) for the NHHS Sports Booster Club or who would like to nominate someone, should contact Kathy Lefebber 920-898-4610, or attend the next meeting on May 18, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the NHHS Cafeteria.

ALL parents who have children involved in high school athletics are members of the NHHS Sports Booster Club. The mission of the New Holstein High School Sports Booster Club is to help support the athletic programs by providing some of the financial support necessary to field competitive teams and make it possible for more students to participate. Our organization is instrumental in keeping the sporting activities at NHHS with up-to-date equipment, playing fields, etc. Each year, we ask our coaches and support staff to submit their wish list items. Often we are able to make the monetary donation to cover the wish list items every year. Those items we purchase not only benefit the athletes in the various sports but also the athletic director, athletic trainer and buildings and grounds director.

New Holstein High School Sports Booster Club needs your support now and in the future to continue this effort. Without club officers, the organization will have to be discontinued. The Booster Club is a valuable resource for

our high school athletic programs and without the Booster support, monetary requests will fall back on the student athletes and their families, or worse, the athletic programs may not be able to continue because of the lack of funds. So whether you decide to become an active member in the Booster Club as an officer or committee chairperson or help out at the fall dinner or work in the concession stands, your participation can make all the difference in the world.

**Remember... You CAN Make a Difference...
VOLUNTEER!**

~submitted by Mrs. Kathy Lefebber

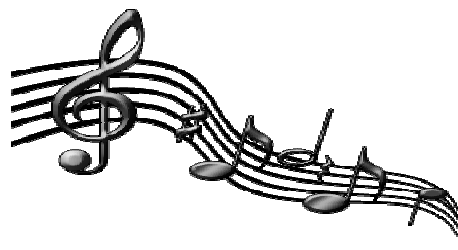
*The Next Booster Club
Meeting will be held on
Wednesday, May 18th at
6:00 p.m. in the NHHS
Cafeteria*

Music at New Holstein Elementary School

In March, schools from all over the United States celebrate to help support and share the importance of music education. This year's national slogan is "Music Lasts a Lifetime". At New Holstein Elementary School, in music class, we thought of ways to help celebrate music. Students showcased their singing, dancing, instrument playing and composing to each other and to their teachers. A part of celebrating music is to just have fun and show others that you enjoy it.

The door to Ms. Melissa Konik's music room shows how students open their hearts to music by singing, playing instruments, dancing, listening, and writing their own songs or rhythms. All activities help to celebrate music at New Holstein Elementary.

~submitted by Ms. Melissa Konik



New Holstein Elementary School Beginning Band Meeting

There will be an organizational meeting for all parents of 4th grade students interested in joining the New Holstein Band Program.

The meeting will be on Monday, May 23rd at 7 p.m. in the New Holstein Elementary School music room 018, downstairs from the gym. The meeting will include how to get started, information on renting or finding an instrument, tips on how to help your child succeed on the instrument they/you choose and information regarding scheduling for next year.

There will be prices for new/used instruments and rental payment costs at the meeting to help you find the best instrument for your child, but yet one you can afford. A music store representative will be at the meeting to assist with any other questions you may have regarding renting-to-own an instrument or repair of an older family instrument. If you have an instrument within your family or from a friend that you plan to use, please bring it to the meeting or take it to an area music store to have their repair person check it out to be sure it will work properly for your child.

Please make every effort to attend this meeting. The meeting will be finished within an hour and will supply you with the information and tools to help your child succeed in band. Hope to see you on May 23rd.

~submitted by Mrs. Karren Cobble



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A student is working extremely hard composing her own song for the xylophone.



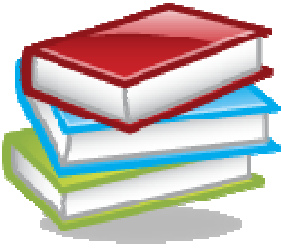
Students listen to their classmate perform her own composition on a xylophone.

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~ submitted by Emily Kolberg



Battle of the Books



On February 24, over 100 New Holstein Elementary School students were in a battle. Battle of the Books, that is! The 2nd annual Battle of the Books took place on Thursday, February 24th. Teams from third, fourth and fifth grade read selected books and then answered questions about the books. Middle School students, Emily Kohlberg, Emily Korb, Rachel Hansen and Christine Lodes read the books and helped prepare questions for the students to answer. Competition was close as there were

two ties which meant that extra questions needed to be asked which made team members a little anxious! Over all, it was a good battle and students had fun exercising their comprehension reading skills.

First Place – Third Grade team – Alyssa, Megan, Courtney, Katya, Savanna and BriAnn. Second Place – Fifth Grade team – Erin, Oren, Hailey, Casey, Hannah, Johanna and Alex. Third Place – Fourth Grade team – Connor, Garrett, Randy, Zane and Dylen.

~submitted by Mrs. Nan Minster

HAPPY SPRING!!

